

Email Blast for January 12



Baptism of Our Lord

Kent Memorial Lutheran Church

184 Sunset Hill Drive
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079

The Rev. Edward L. Foster, Pastor

January 12, 2025

Hearing God's Call & Responding in Love,
We Share Jesus With All!

FROM PASTOR ED

On the day that Jesus was baptized, God proclaimed to the world that Jesus was his beloved son with whom he is well pleased. That proclamation, from the voice of God, set the stage for all that will come. Jesus isn't just a prophet or a wiseman, he isn't just teacher or philosopher, Jesus is the Son of God, indeed Jesus is God. Jesus' words are the words of God. Jesus' love and compassion are divine. Jesus isn't just another guy, Jesus is Emanuel, he is God, God with us here in our world and in our lives.

With another storm predicted for the weekend I should remind everyone that should we have to cancel in-person worship again this week we will send emails, start the calling tree and post an announcement on

Facebook. Be safe. Stay warm.

God bless you all,
Pastor Ed

OUR 10:00 a.m. WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM:

To join a worship service, please contact the church at 573-374-5267 for assistance.

Welcome to Worship

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

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Prelude

Carol of the Bells/We Three Kings

Joyce Wanamaker &
Tracey Atzeni

You are invited to use this time of musical offering to prepare for worship, to open yourself to God, our Father, his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, present in this place.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

C: **If we say we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.**

P: But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanses us from all sin.

C: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: **Troubled and penitent we confess our sins to you. Our deeds are evil; we have loved darkness rather than light. We languish in the shadow of death. Let your mercy dawn upon us for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, with whom you are well pleased. Within our hearts, and in our lives, let there be light!**

P: God, who once commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, who was handed over to Death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. For his sake your sins are forgiven. By the power of the Holy Spirit, walk as children of light.

C: **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace (We share a sign of peace with one another.)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW # 423, v. 1 & 2

Liturgy *Setting 4*

ELW p. 147

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God in the highest

ELW p. 148

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ed

Special Music

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tracey Atzen & Jane Maher

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Old Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (congregation reads responsively)

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

New Testament

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Announcement

Pastor Ed Foster

P: The gospel according to Luke, the third chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

New Testament

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Ed Foster

Hymn of the Day

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW # 510, v. 1 & 3

Profession of Faith—Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Reception of Offerings *Please fill out the red friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.*

Offertory

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Joyce Wanamaker

Offering Prayer

P: God of grace,

C: your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

Holy Communion

ELW p. 152

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our savior. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. You may commune in place using a communion kit, if preferred.

Communion Hymns

<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	ELW # 677
<i>On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry</i>	ELW # 249
<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	ELW # 650

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Hymn

<i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i>	ELW # 543, v. 1 & 2
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The Dismissal

P: Hearing God’s call and responding in love,
C: we share Jesus with all!

Postlude

<i>Christmas Medley</i>	Joyce Wanamaker
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Fellowship Time

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Ed Foster
Organist/Pianist	Joyce Wanamaker
Choir Director	Tracy Garrett
Choir Accompanist	Tracey Atzeni
Handbells Director	Toni Wagner
Altar Guild	Sheryl Boos
Greeters/Ushers	Gail Kruse
Liturgist	Tracy Garrett
Lector	Sally Burke
Sound & Zoom Technician	Sam Foster
Coffee Fellowship	

COMING THIS WEEK

January 12-19

Today	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship (coffee & donuts) Handbells Rehearsal
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Social Ministry Committee
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteering
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10:00 a.m.	WELCA Crafts - Stuff Critters
	11:00 a.m.	WELCA Meeting
Wednesday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteering
	3:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Bible Study
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteering
	6:00 p.m.	Lake Jazz Band Rehearsal
Friday	10:20 a.m.	Westside Senior Center Volunteering
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Study for all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion (live-streamed)
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† *Prayer Concerns* †

OUR MEMBERS

Toni Wagner
Kelly Covey
Joe Poretta
Donald Brumm

Marsha Gust
Geri Riley
Stan Field
Pat Embich

Jim Gilbert
Gene Page

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Inge Robbins
Maria Garrick & family
Art McCray
Esther Strothmann
Mary Ann Carter
Brandon Rodewald
Doug Jones
Sal Caudill

Patrick Parkhurst
Kenny Mullins
Cindy Holm
Kirk McLaughlin
Stacy Carey
Ryan Dilhman
Trudy Hamilton
Dianne Steingrubey

Wayne Jackson
Gil Wilde
Tamar McClain
Jeanne Hines
Mike Holmes
Steve Hughes
Marcille Bohling

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Julie (Ziehl) Anderson
Evan Beaupre

Michelle Becker
Jessica Birdsong

Cindy Campbell
Shirley Clark

Evelyn Clements
Chuck Cuthbertson
Ron Ferguson
Stacey Fleck
Al Gann
Ken Gerardy
Carla Glusing
Ruth Goddard & family

CF Huff
Teresa Joslin
Linda Kimberling
Ed Krueger
Blanch Lacroix
Jennifer Pedersen
Jodi (Ziehl) Redmond
Ron Roberts

Marcia Robbins
Michele Schafer
Dave Shaver
Karen Thompson
Karen Tischnor
Theresa White
Bernie Wiegel
Jerry Williams

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Babcock
Eric Blomberg
Ben Brammeier
Shade Bullock
Salathiel (Sal) Caudill
Dylan Craig

Aaron Davis
Tanner Glodt
Kristine Hubbard
Jason Ites
Jason Judge
Adam Kralina

Matt Lee
Jordan Lindeman
Glenn Maddock
Tristan Morgan
Adam Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 12

WELCOME TO KENT MEMORIAL Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior. We invite you to stay for coffee and fellowship (and donuts!) after the service. If you are visiting for the first time or searching for a church home, please include your address and phone number on the Red Friendship Pad and let us know. First time here? Please introduce yourself to Pastor Ed at the end of the service.

CARE CORE for January is Joyce Burke, 712-298-0993.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, January 14. We will stuff “critters” at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting is at 11:00 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to join us.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Embark on a journey of discovery in the new year with the adult Sunday School class “What on Earth Am I Here For?”. Created by Pastor Rick Warren, it combines videos and discussion taken from his book “The Purpose Driven Life,” which sold 35 million copies. The six-week class will begin on Sunday, January 19, from 9:00 a.m. till 9:45 at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Books will be provided and Gerry Williams will facilitate discussion.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST Time to volunteer at Community for Christ on Tue. Jan. 28th, Thur. Jan. 30th and Sat. Feb. 1st. Signup sheet on the infamous bulletin board. By way of information Community for Christ is an outreach center and emergency food pantry serving parts of Morgan and Camden counties. Assistance for rent, utilities, gasoline, prescription and food are some of the areas of help provided. CFC is a faith based organization supported by 7 area churches. All funds available to CFC are through donations and retail sales. No government funding is used. This is truly neighbors helping neighbors. Won't you please consider volunteering?

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume on Sunday, January 12, at 9am.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS—Year-end reports are due in the office by January 30. This is the report that goes into Kent's Annual Report.

